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**An Act to incorporate the Morris and  
Portage Railway Company.**

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**First reading, March 1, 1900.**

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**(PRIVATE BILL.)**

**MR. MACDONELL.**

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**An Act to incorporate the Morris and Portage  
Railway Company.**

**W**HEREAS a petition has been presented praying that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

- 1.** Francis N. Bell, of the town of Morris, Thomas H. Metcalfe and Charles Metcalfe of the town of Portage la Prairie, John Robert Grant, Henry Edwards Sharpe and William A. Cavanaugh of the city of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, together with such persons as become shareholders in the company, are hereby incorporated under the name of "The Morris and Portage Railway Company," hereinafter called "the Company."
- 2.** The persons named in section 1 of this Act are hereby constituted provisional directors of the Company.
- 3.** The capital stock of the Company shall be one million dollars, and may be called up by the directors from time to time, as they deem necessary; but no one call shall exceed ten per cent on the shares subscribed.
- 4.** The head office of the Company shall be in the city of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba.
- 5.** The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held on the first Wednesday in February in each year.
- 6.** At such meeting the subscribers for the capital stock assembled, who have paid all calls due on their shares, shall choose five persons to be directors of the Company, one or more of whom may be paid directors.
- 7.** The Company may lay out, construct and operate a railway of the gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches from a point in or near the town of Morris, in the Province of Manitoba, thence north-westerly to a point in or near the town of Portage la Prairie, in the said Province [and also branch lines].
- 8.** The Company may issue bonds, debentures or other securities to the extent of twenty thousand dollars per mile of the railway and branches, and such bonds, debentures or other

Incorporation.

Corporate name.

Provisional directors.

Capital stock.

Head office.

Annual meeting.

Election of directors.

Line of railway described.

Bond issue limited.

securities may be issued only in proportion to the length of railway constructed or under contract to be constructed.

Agreement respecting a bridge.

9. [If the Company builds a bridge for railway purposes across the Assiniboine River between Morris and Portage la Prairie aforesaid, it may enter into any agreement with any municipality interested in the said bridge for the purpose of so altering it as to make it available for the use of foot passengers and vehicles as well as for the purposes of the railway, and for that purpose the Company may receive any money or grant in connection with the said bridge, either as aid or otherwise.]

Aid to bridge.

Agreements with other companies.

10. The Company may enter into an agreement with any other company for conveying or leasing to such company the railway of the Company, in whole or in part, or any rights or powers acquired under this Act, as also the franchises, surveys, plans, works, plant, material, machinery and other property to it belonging, or for an amalgamation with such company, on such terms and conditions as are agreed upon, and subject to such restrictions as to the directors seem fit; provided that such agreement has been first approved by two-thirds of the votes at a special general meeting of the shareholders duly called for the purpose of considering it,—at which meeting shareholders representing at least two-thirds in value of the stock are present or represented by proxy,—and that such agreement has also received the sanction of the Governor in Council.

Approval of shareholders and Governor in Council.

Notice of application for sanction.

2. Such sanction shall not be signified until after notice of the proposed application therefor has been published in the manner and for the time set forth in section 239 of *The Railway Act* and also for a like period in one newspaper in each of the electoral districts through which the railway of the Company runs, and in which a newspaper is published.

Agreement to be filed.

3. A duplicate of the agreement referred to in subsection 1 of this section, shall, within thirty days after its execution, be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, and notice thereof shall be given by the Company in *The Canada Gazette*, and the production of *The Canada Gazette* containing such notice shall be prima facie evidence of the requirements of this Act having been complied with.

Telegraph and telephone lines.

11. The Company may construct, work and maintain a telegraph line and telephone lines along the whole length of its railway and branches, and may establish offices for the transmission of messages for the public; and for the purpose of erecting and working such telegraph and telephone lines the Company may enter into a contract with any other company.

Arrangements with telegraph and telephone companies.

2. The Company may enter into arrangements with any other telegraph or telephone company for the exchange and transmission of messages, or for the working in whole or in part of the lines of the Company.

Rates to be approved.

3. No rates or charges shall be demanded or taken from any person for the transmission of any message by telegraph or telephone, or for leasing or using the telegraph or telephones of the Company, until such rates or charges have been approved of by the Governor in Council.

4. *The Electric Telegraph Companies Act* shall apply to the R.S.C., c. 132. telegraphic business of the Company.

[12. The railway shall be commenced within two years and completed within five years from the passing of this Act, otherwise the powers hereby granted shall cease and be null and void as respects so much of the railway as then remains uncompleted.] <sup>Time for construction of railway limited.</sup>